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--The present invention, as illustrated in Fig. 22, overcomes the changeover problem by modularizing the flitch retaining apparatus. In particular, a modular assembly 280 includes a table segment 282 and means 284 for coupling the assembly 280 to a flitch table 286. The assembly 280 includes a mounting surface 288, formed to include pin dog-receiving apertures 290 and pusher pin receiving slots 232, and a back surface 294 formed to include a pusher bar-receiving channel 228.--

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As shown in Fig. 22, the means 284 for coupling the modular assembly 280 to the table 286 includes a tongue 296 formed on the assembly 280 in a complementary groove 298 sized and configured to receive the tongue 296. The tongue and groove arrangement permits easy installation and removal of the modular assembly 280. Although a tongue and groove arrangement is shown, it will be appreciated that other mechanisms, such as fasteners and retainers, can be used to couple the modular assembly to the table.--

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 13-17 and 33-37 as follows:

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13. (Twice Amended) A method of retaining a flitch on a flitch table for cutting veneer from the flitch, the flitch table having a plurality of pin dogs, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a flitch having a first plurality of holes for receiving the plurality of pin dogs, the peripheries of said holes forming a plurality of engagement surfaces;
positioning the pin dogs in the first plurality of holes; and
moving the flitch and the plurality of pin dogs into engagement to retain the flitch on the flitch table.

14. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising providing a second plurality of holes in the flitch, and providing a plurality of pusher pins, said second plurality of holes being positioned for receiving the plurality of pusher pins.

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15. (Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the moving step further includes the step of providing means for moving the pusher pins to move the flitch along a longitudinal axis of the flitch into engagement with the stationary dogs.